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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, May 17, 2018

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## Today

- **Slight Risk area for severe storms in the TX/OK Panhandles with a Marginal/isolated severe storm risk for W OK into W TX.**
- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions for NM.**
- **Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding for NW TX into the TX Panhandle**

## Friday - Saturday

- **Isolated severe storms possible for NW into North Central OK both days.**
- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions for NM into W TX on Friday.**

## Sunday - Monday

- **No significant weather impacts expected.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 17, 2018 – May 21, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Storms	TX/OK Panhandles	NW into NCntrl OK	NW into NCntrl OK		
	W OK into WTX				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NW TX into the TX Panhandle				
Fire Weather	NM	NM into West TX			
Tropical Weather					
River Flooding					

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.  
State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



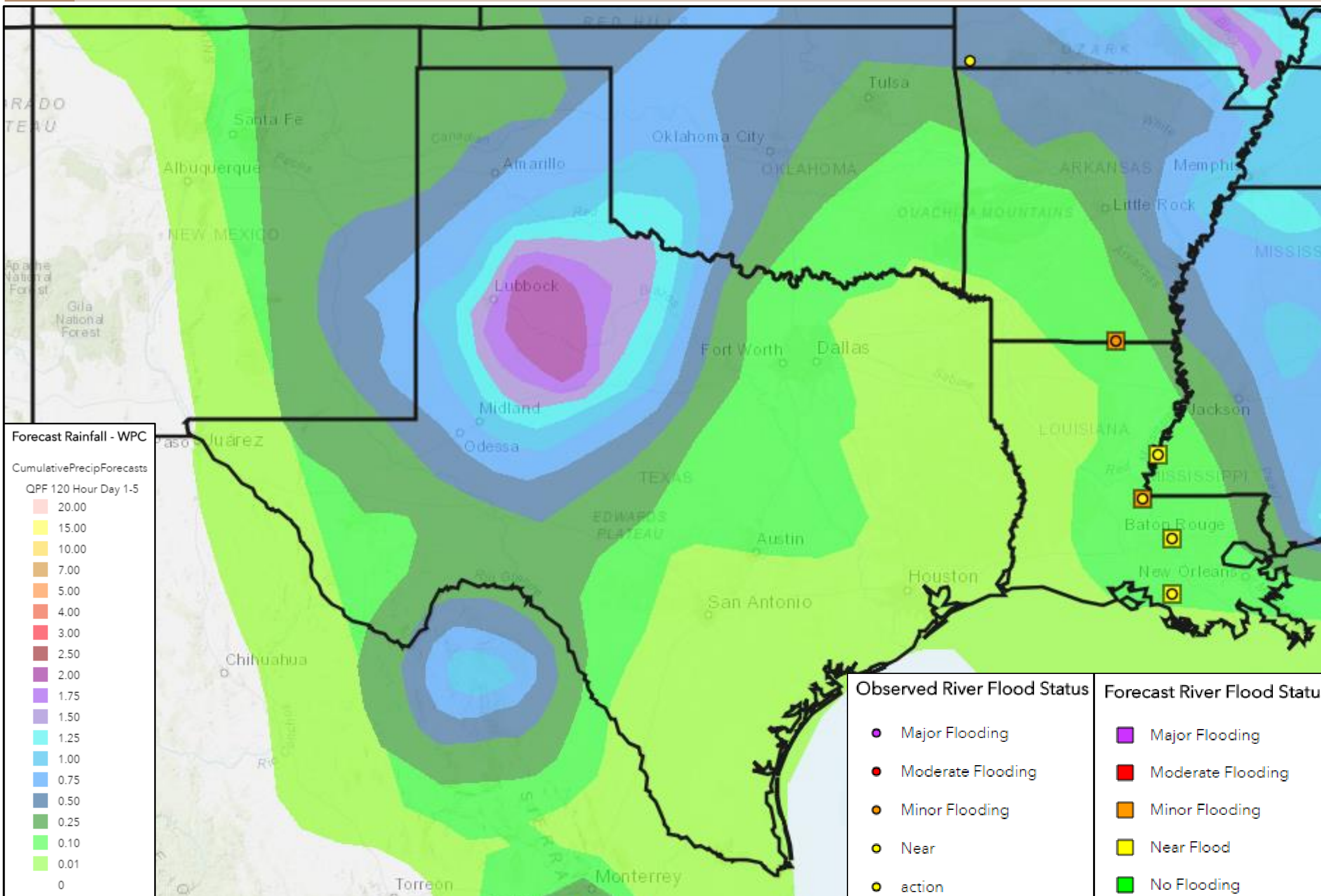
# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*

**No significant river flooding is  
observed or forecast.**



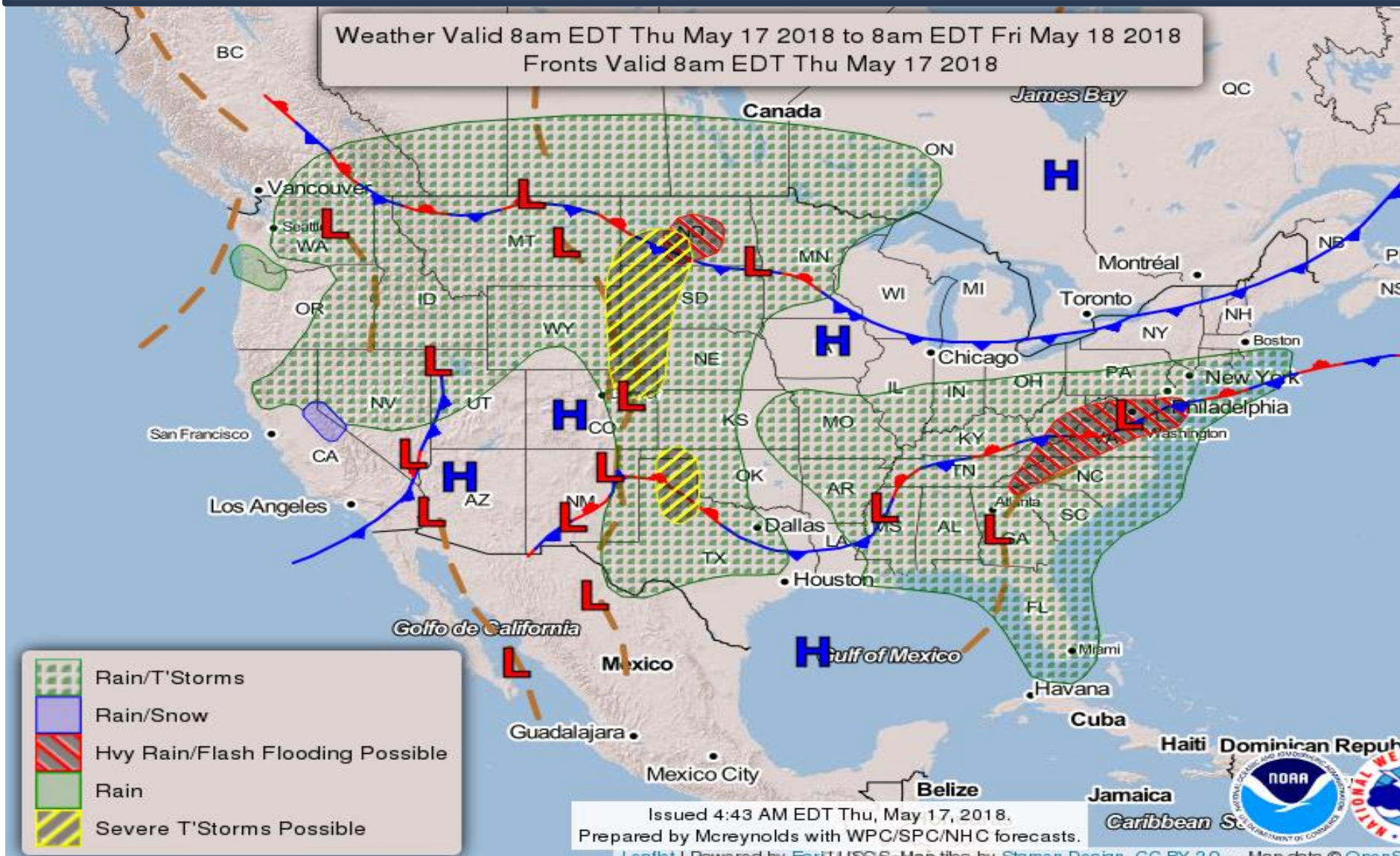


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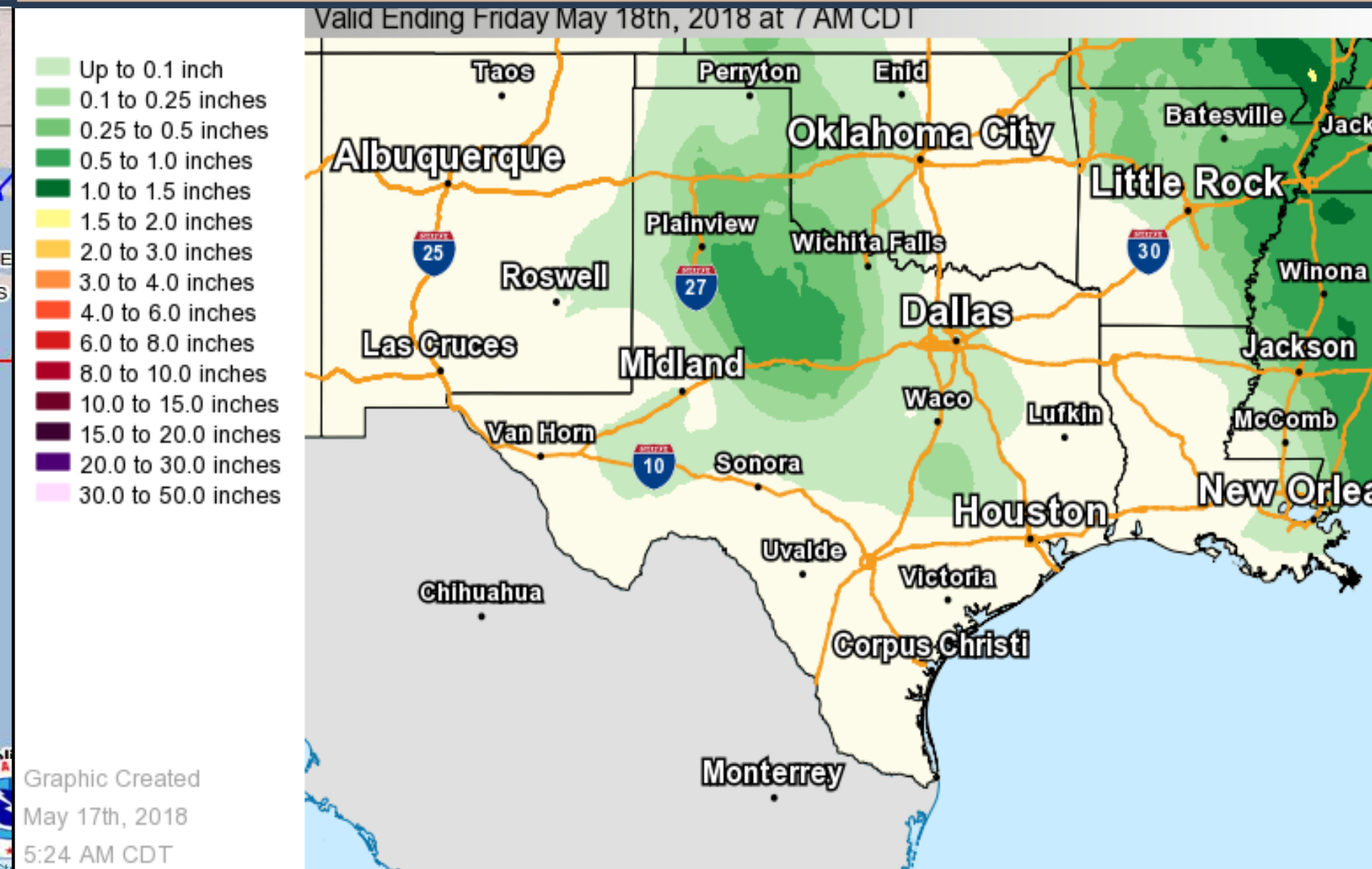


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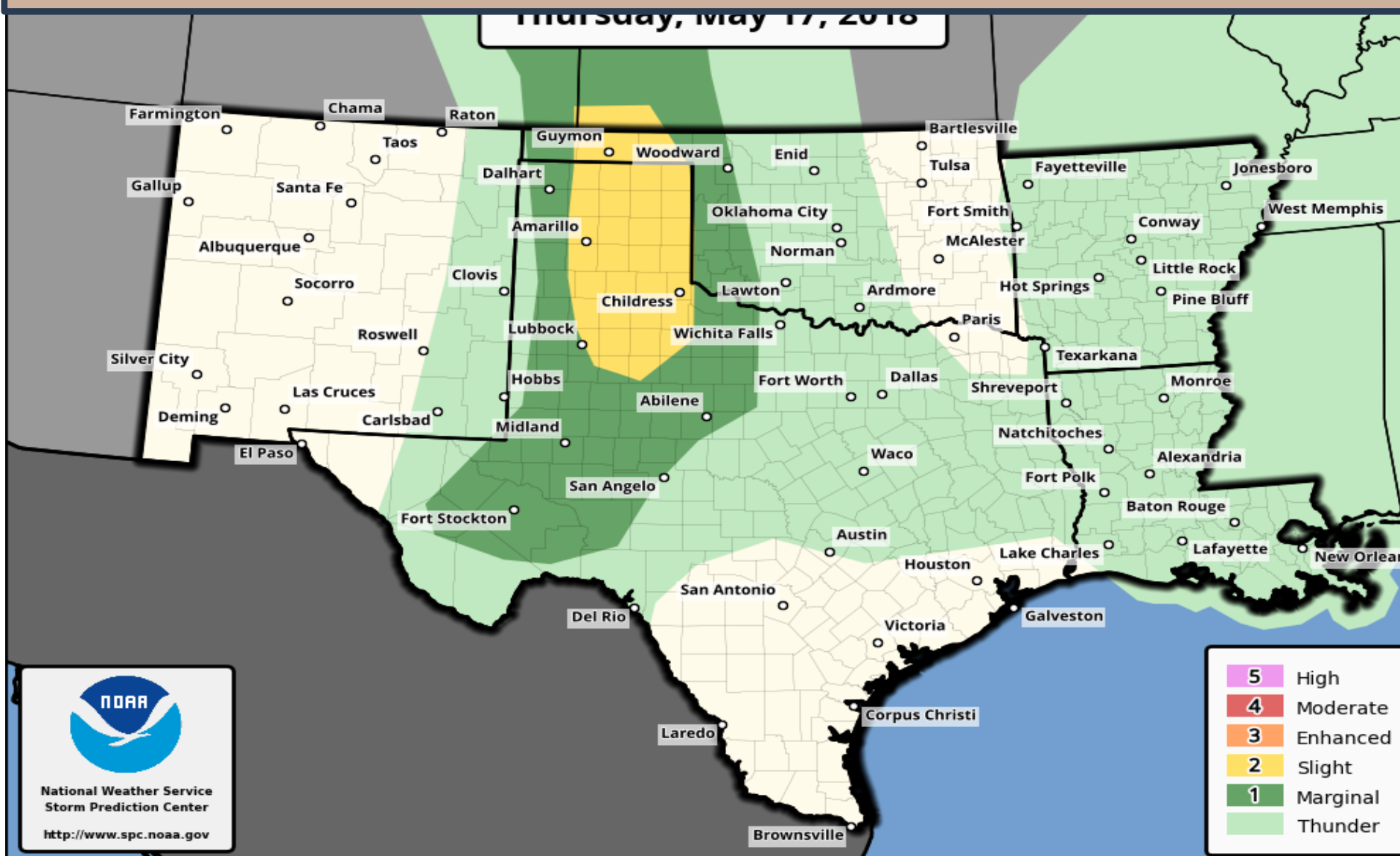


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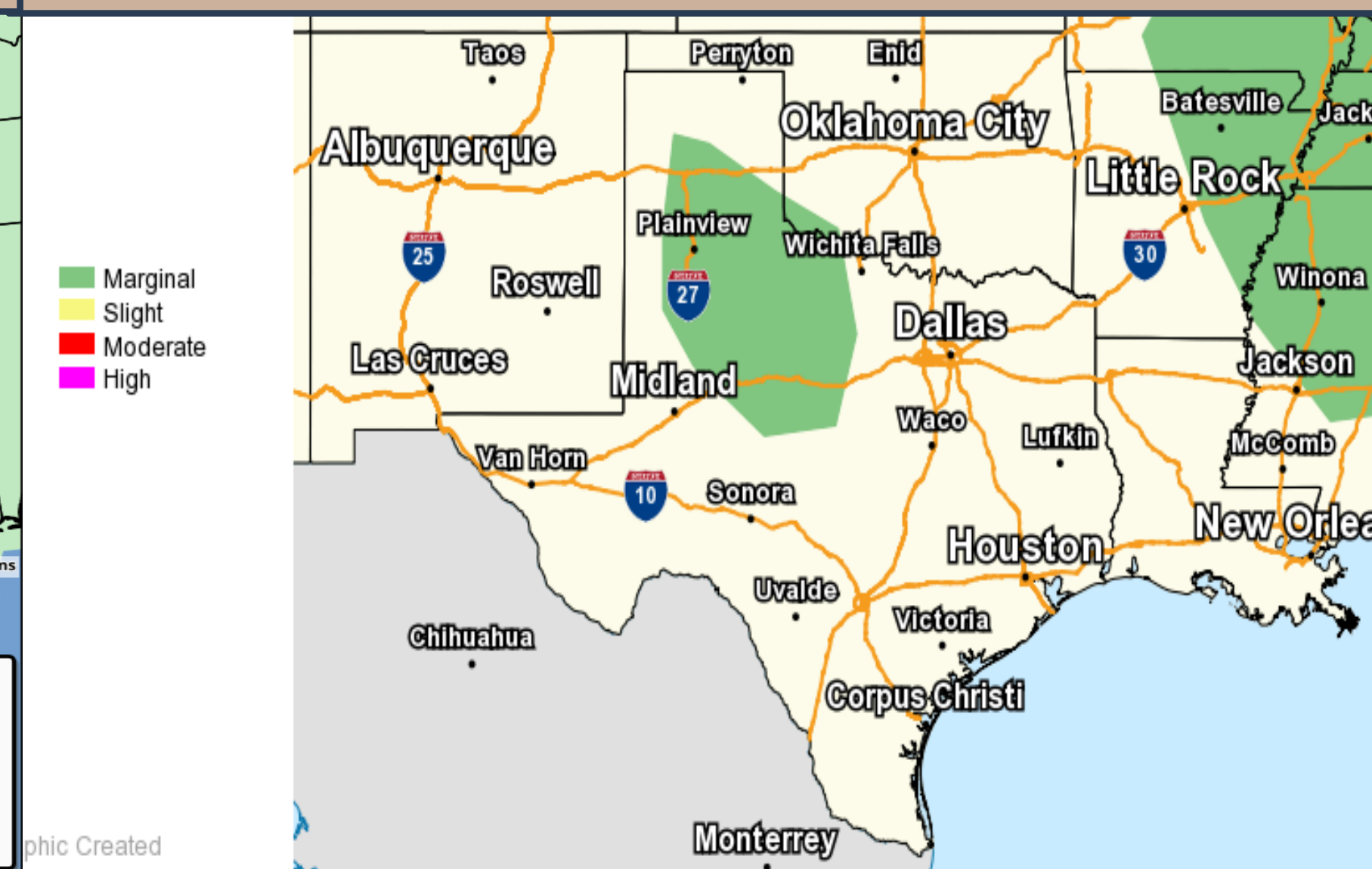


**Slight risk of severe storms in the TX/OK Panhandles with a Marginal/isolated risk of severe storms possible this afternoon and evening for W OK into W TX. Damaging wind gusts and large hail are the primary threats.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



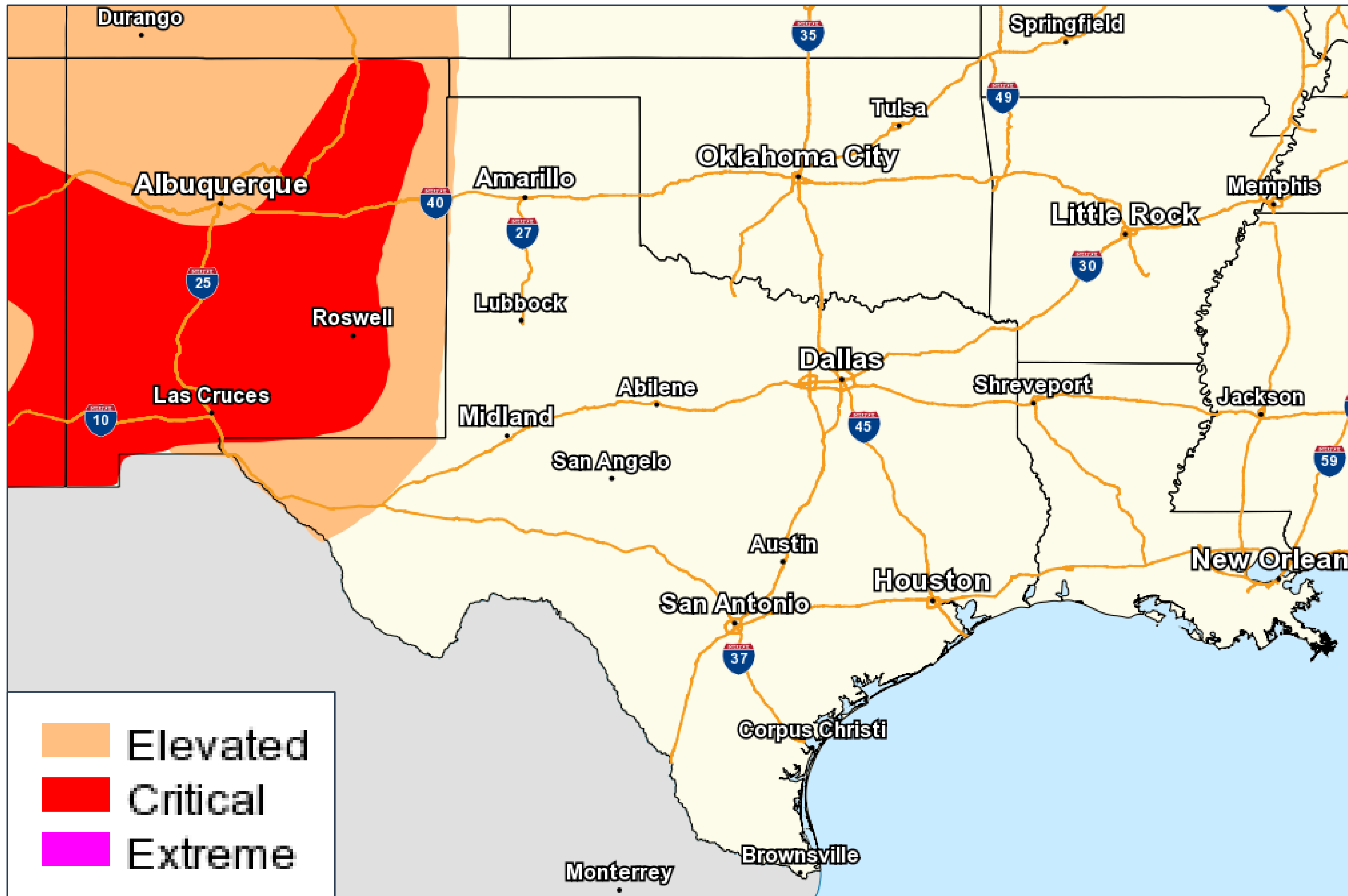
**Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible for NW TX into the TX Panhandle.**



# Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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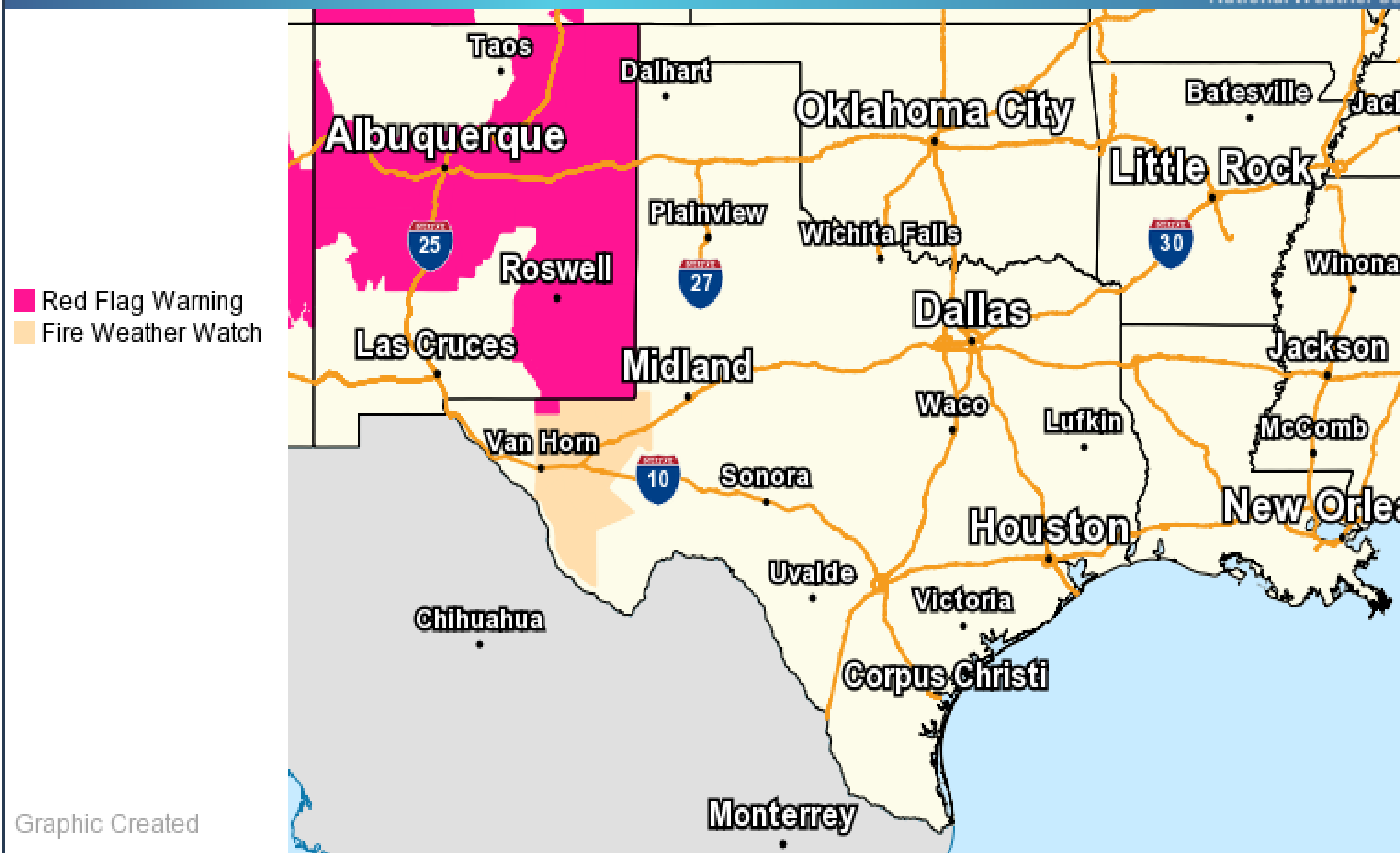
**Elevated to critical fire weather  
conditions for NM TX.**

# Fire Weather Watches/Warnings



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## Fire Weather Watches and Warnings



**Red Flag Warnings are in effect for portions of NM for Critical Fire Weather Conditions today. Fire Weather Watches are in effect for portions of W TX for Critical Fire Weather Conditions tomorrow.**



# Tomorrow's Weather

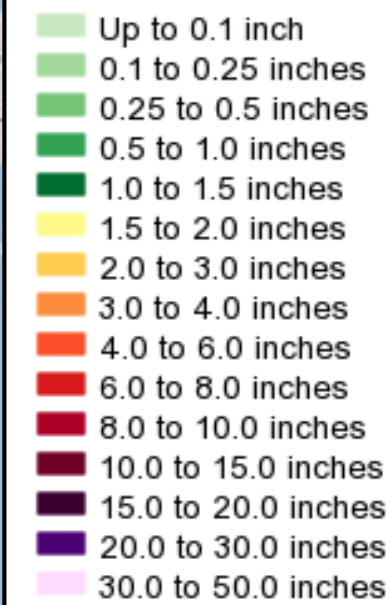
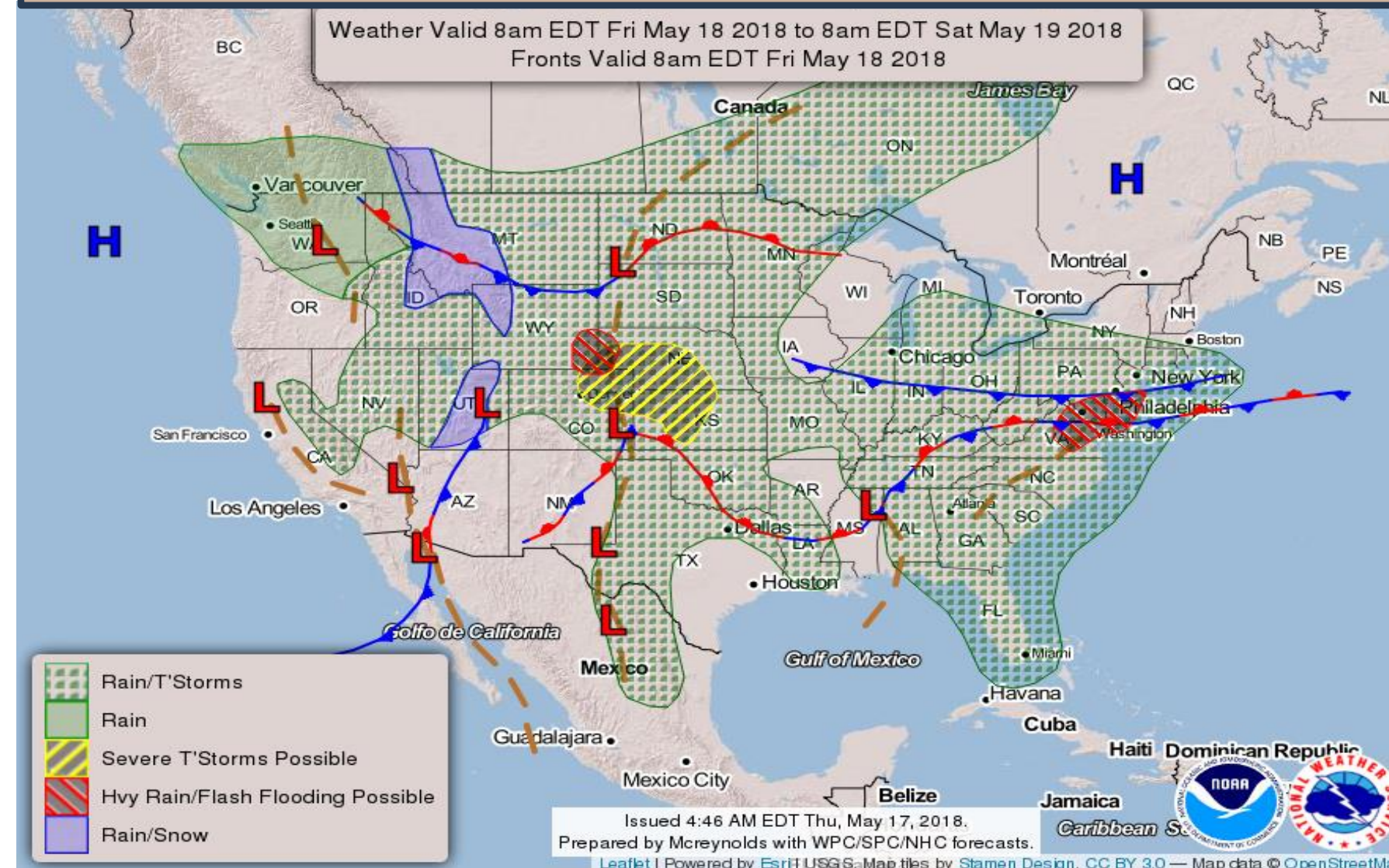


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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

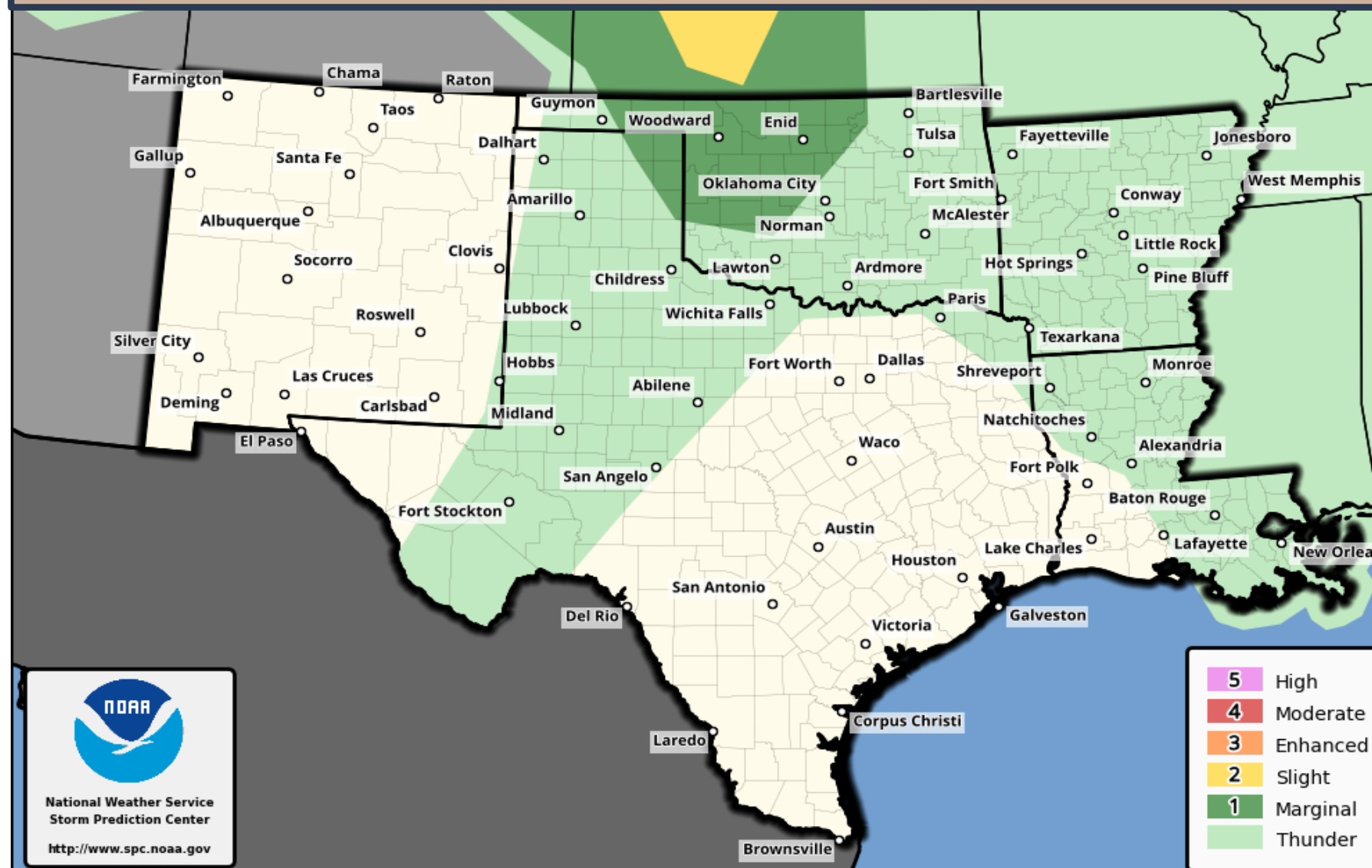
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## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

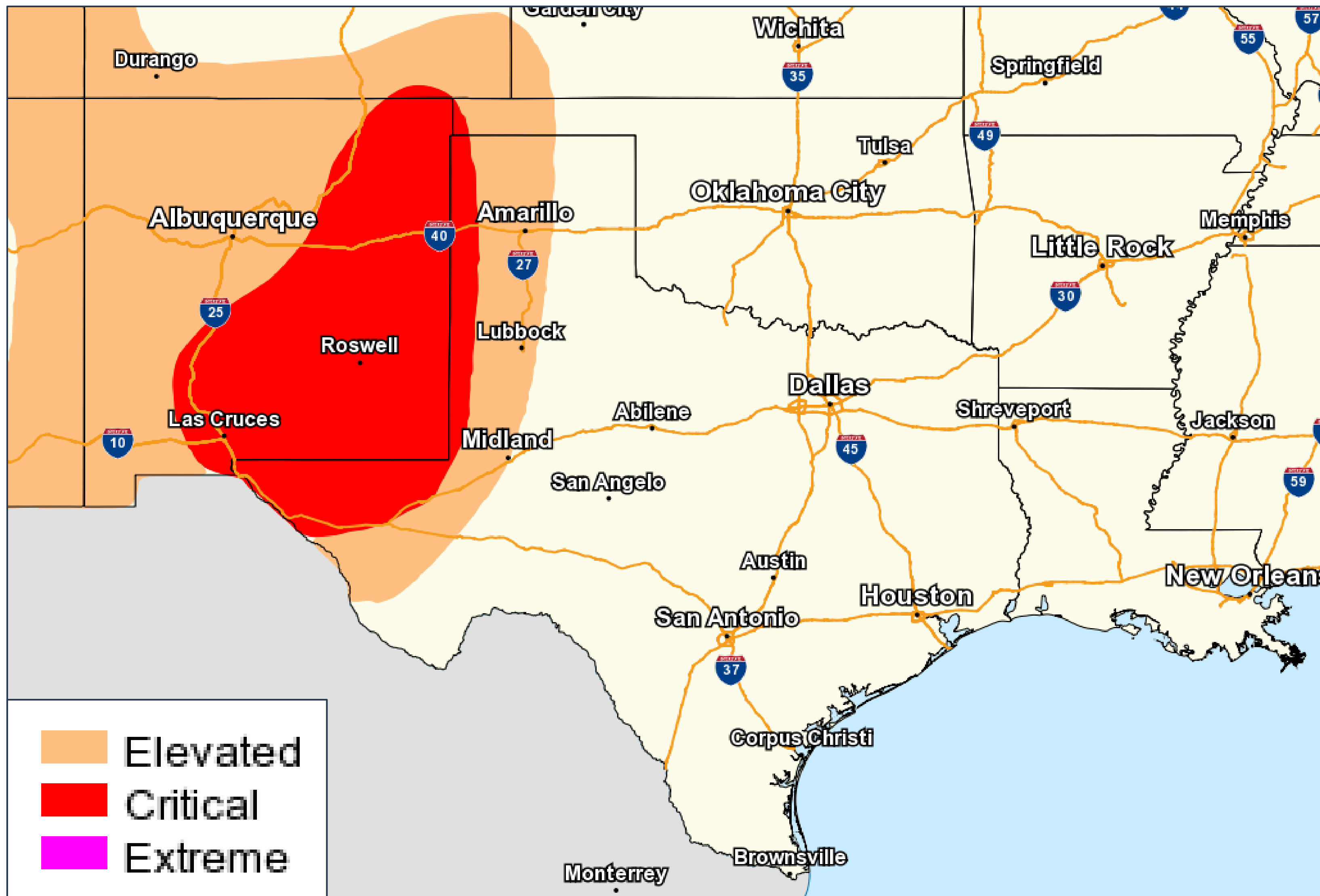




# Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across NM into W TX.**



# Saturday's Weather

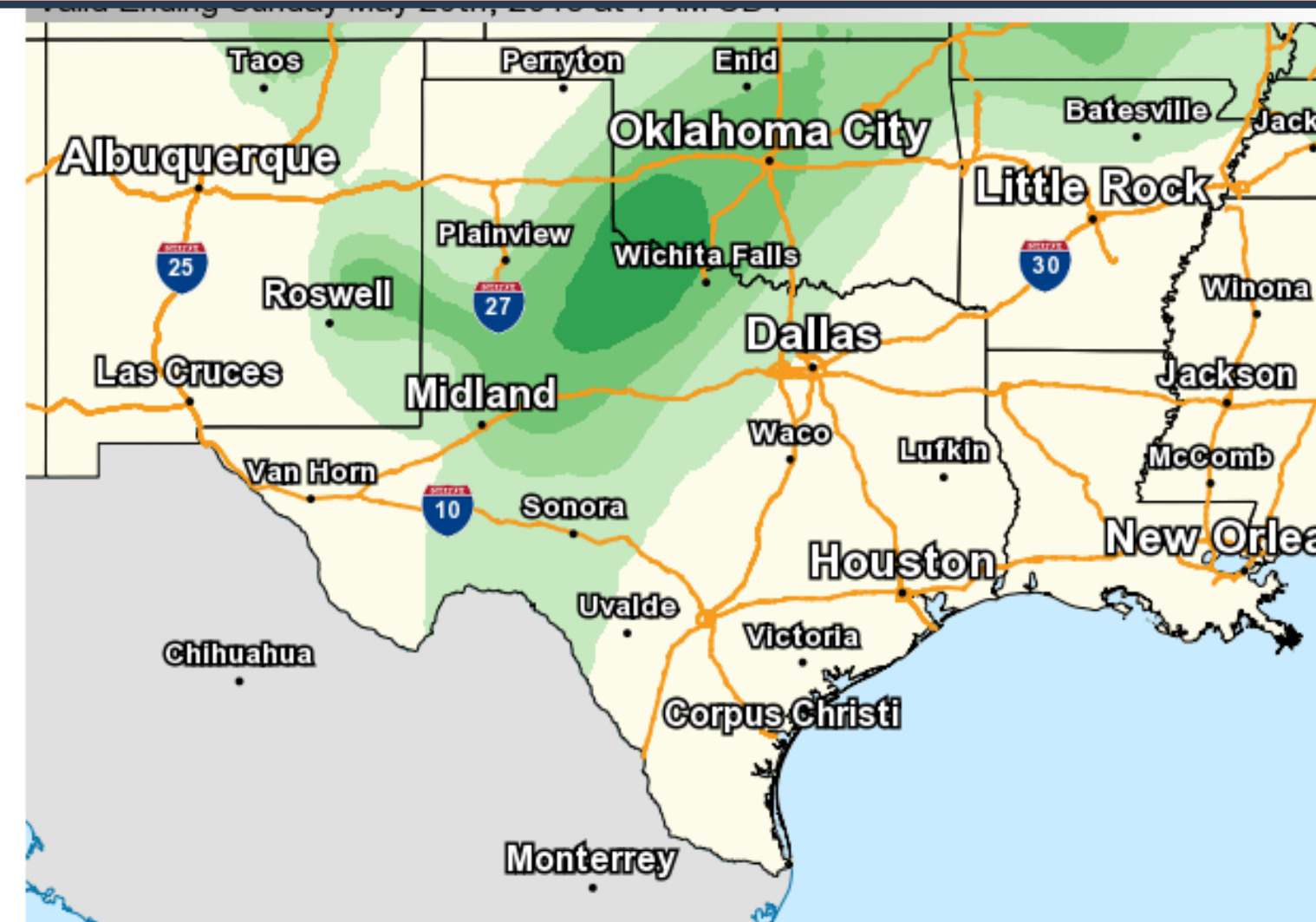
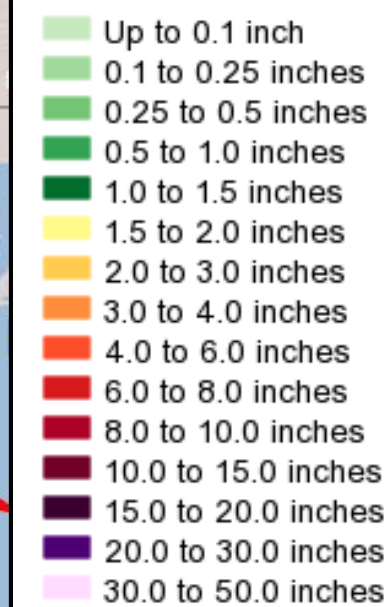
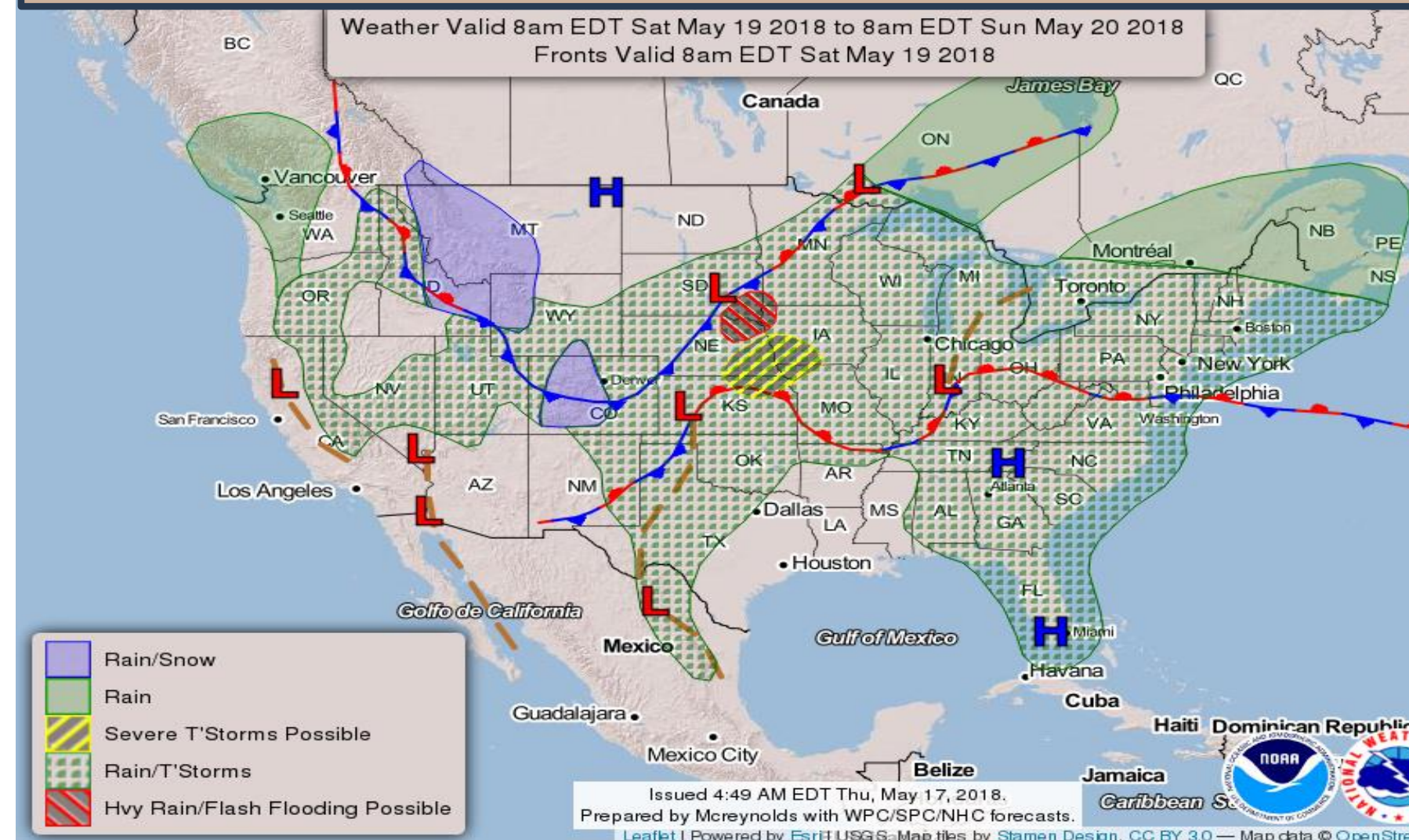


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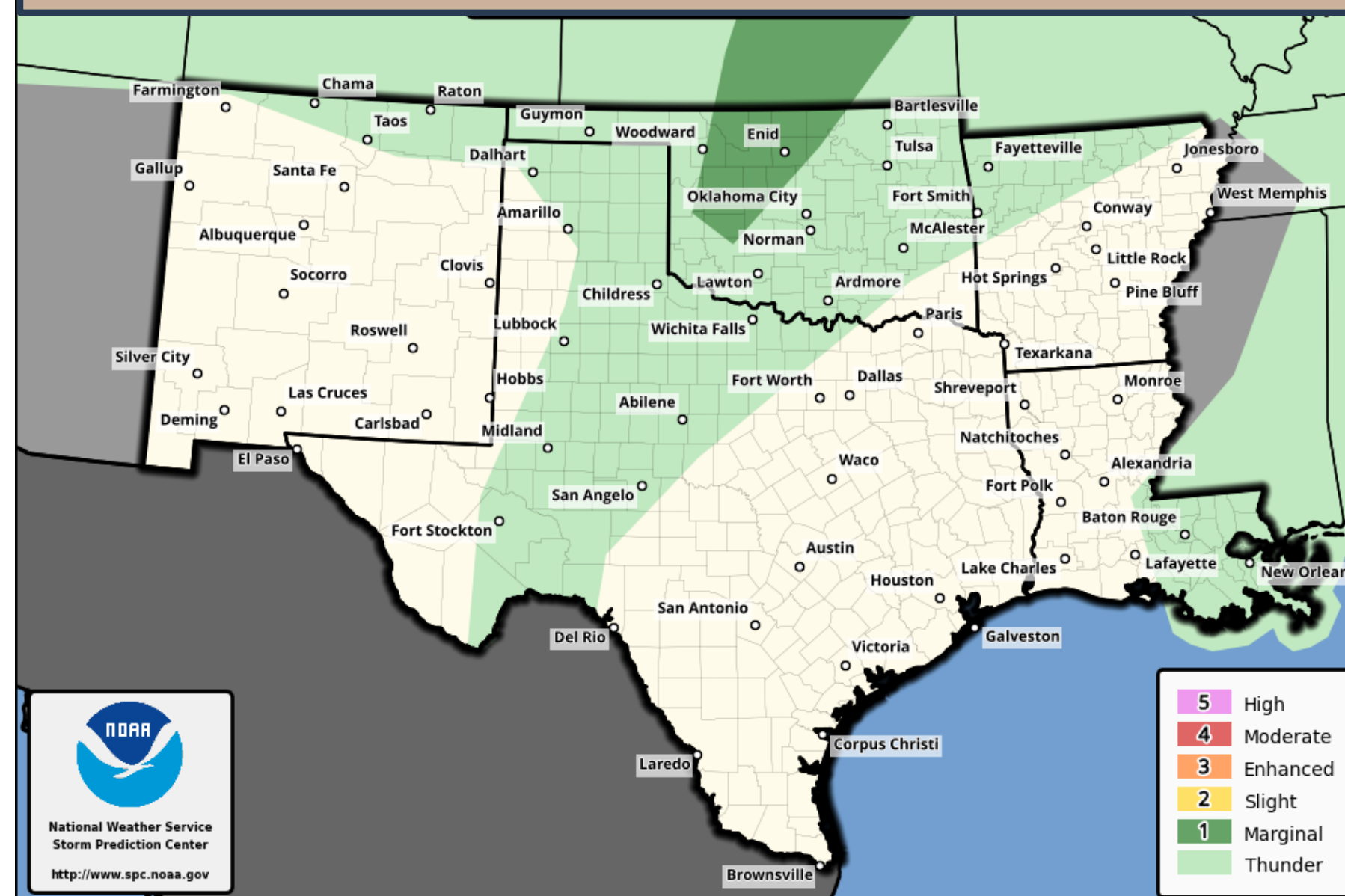
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## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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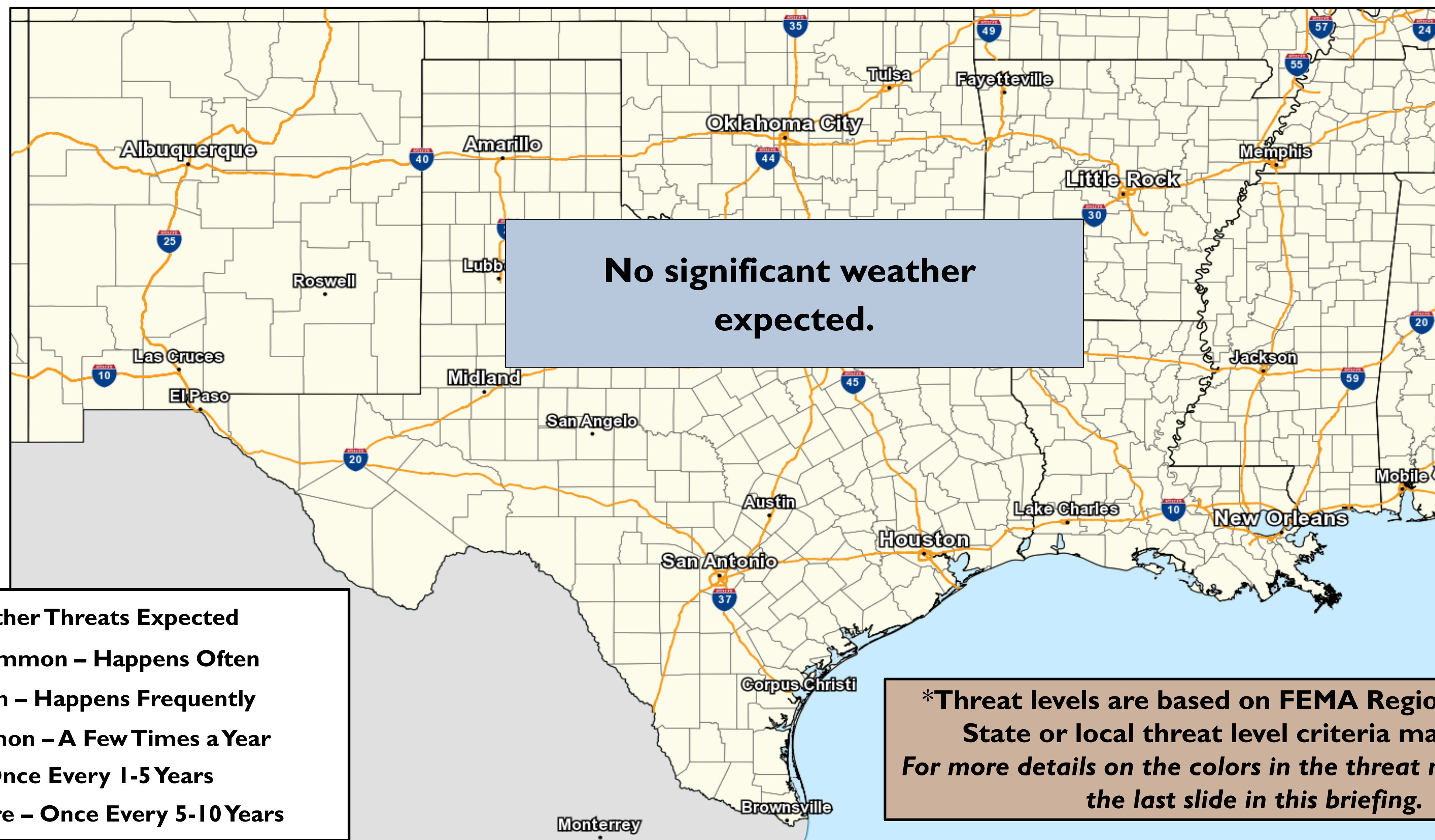


# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Sunday - Monday



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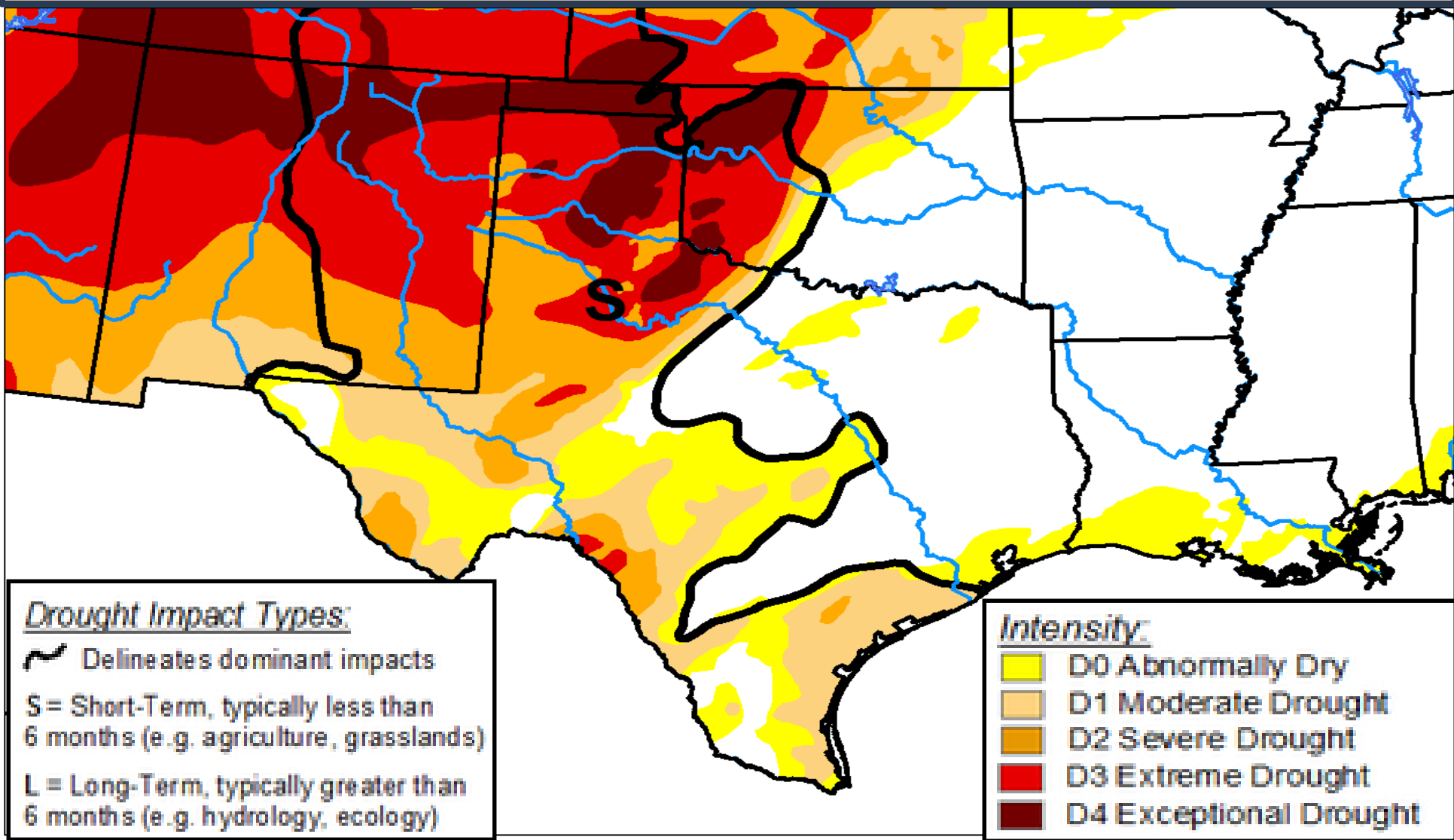
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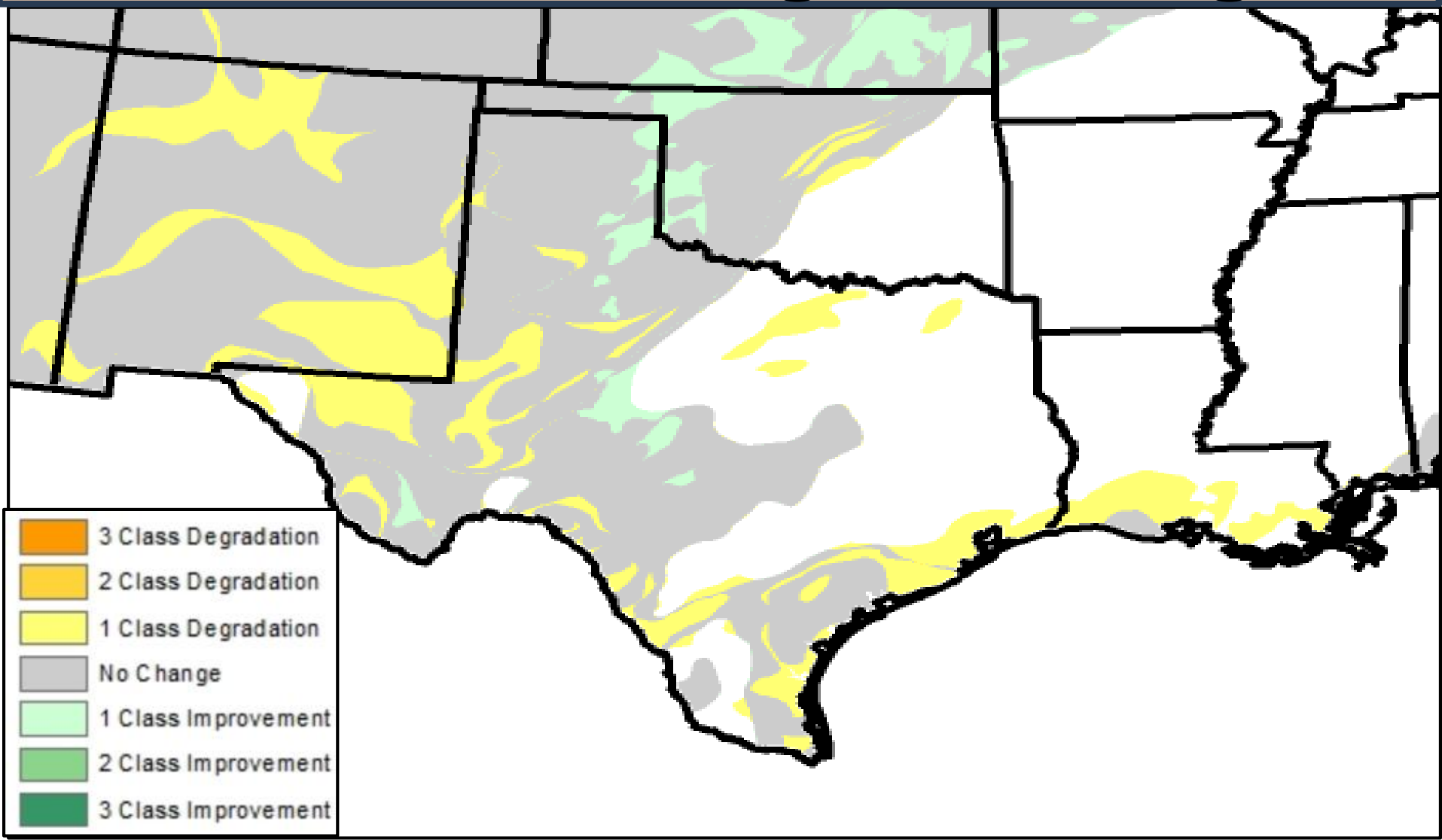
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Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Drought Monitor



## One Week Change in Drought



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)				
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	2.37%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	34.36%	34.40%	37.80%	0.00%
Texas	12.98%	12.97%	13.07%	0.00%
New Mexico	63.58%	55.38%	3.96%	0.00%

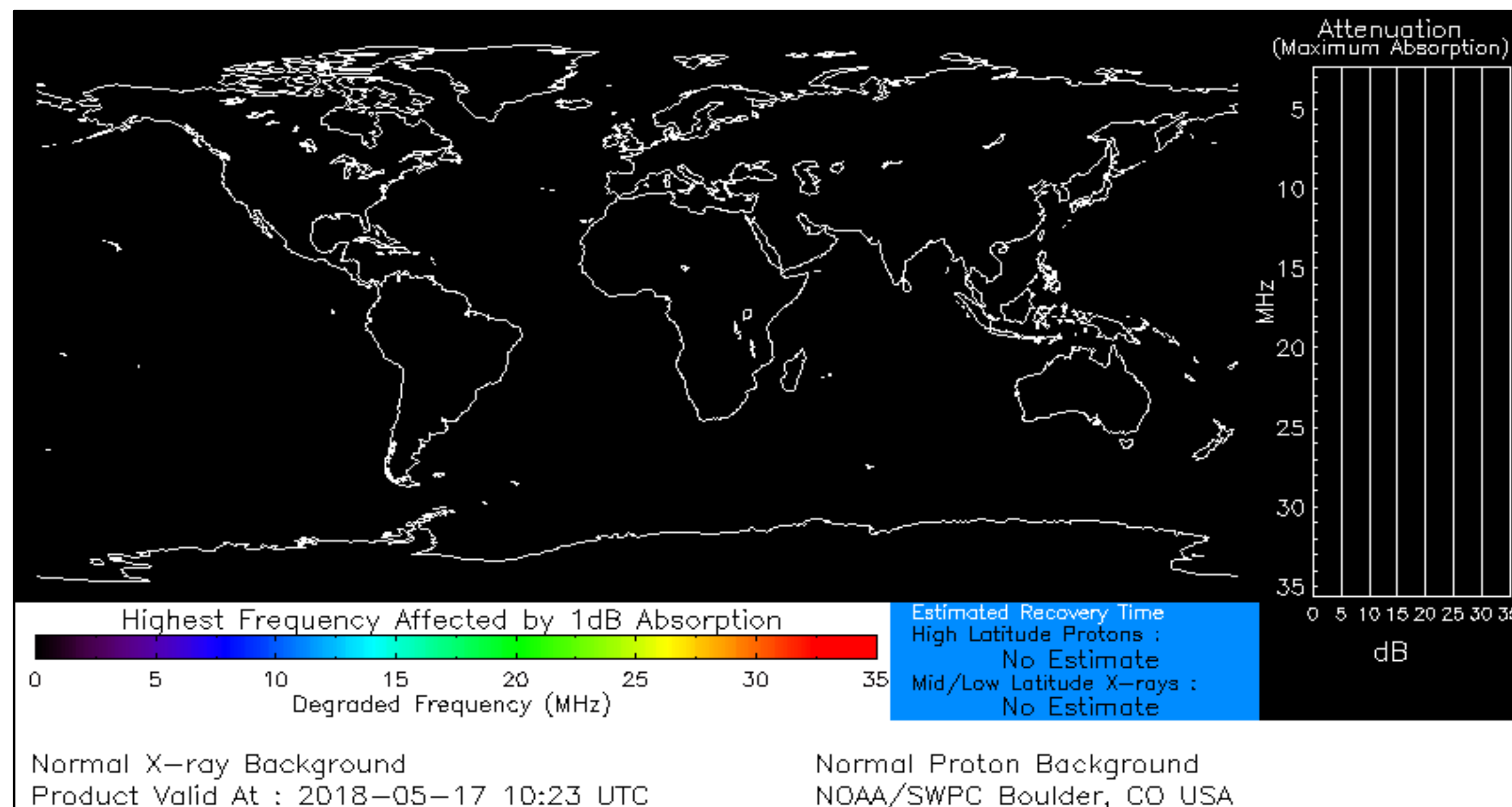


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



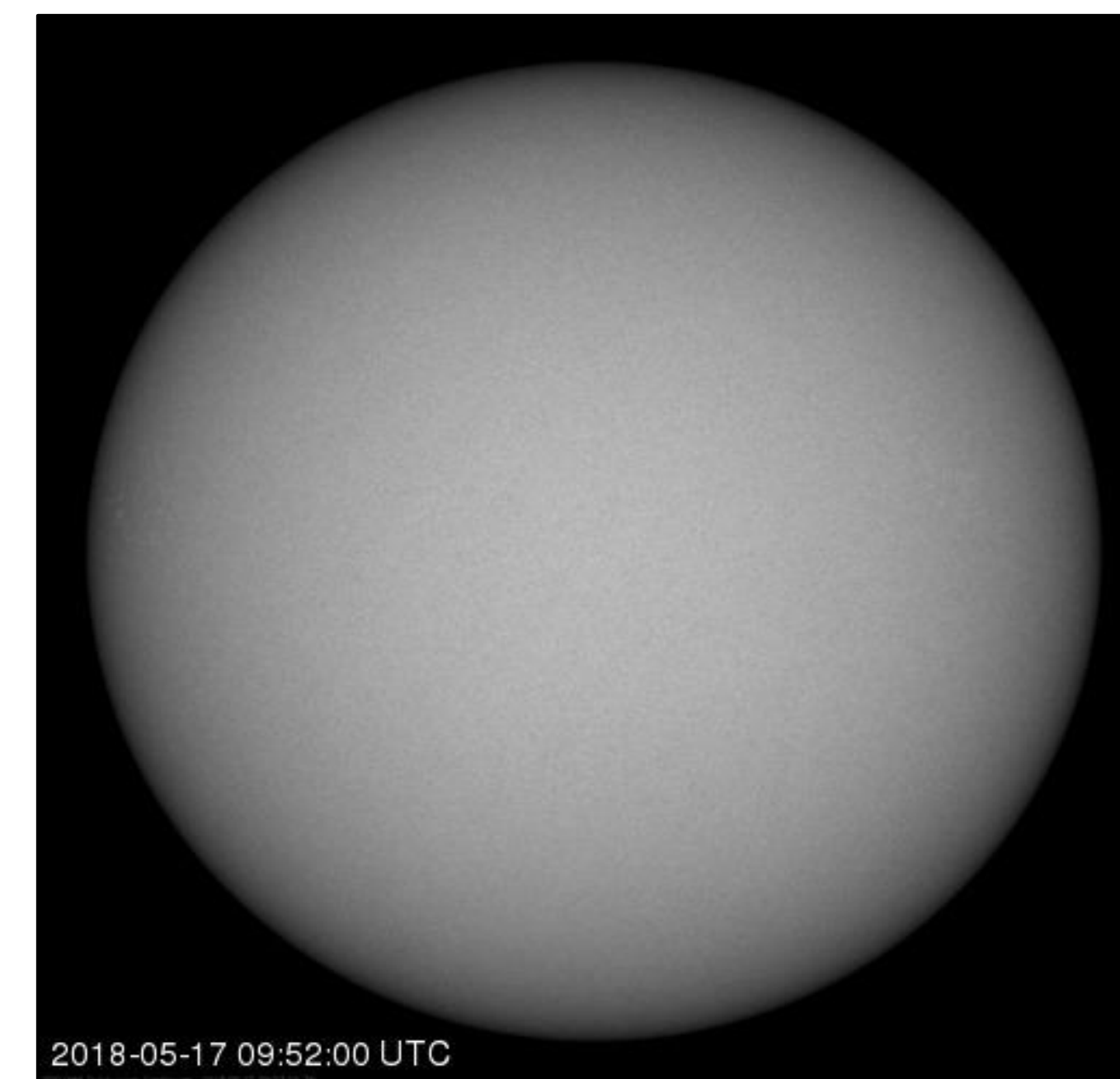
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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	1%	1%	1%



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Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather  
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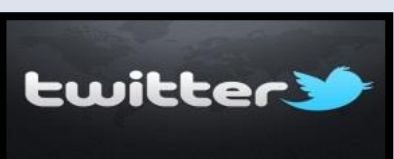
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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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